

III. Remarks

After entry of this Preliminary Amendment Before Action and entry of the contemporaneously filed Preliminary Amendment Before Calculation of Fees, claims 2, 5, 7, 15, 16, 18-22 and 41-49 remain in the case. Claims 2, 5, 15, 41, 42, and 46 are independent. Claims 48 and 49 are new.

Claims 2, 5 and 15 are being amended to include the limitations of canceled base claim 1. Claims 18, 19, 21 and 22 are being amended to depend from claim 5. Claim 44 is being amended to depend from claim 42.

The Specification is being amended to include the details of the International Application.

All amendments in this Preliminary Amendment Before Action and the Preliminary Amendment Before Calculation of Fees are being made to expedite prosecution. The Applicants reserve the ability to introduce any subject matter into the claims, including canceled subject matter, at a later date in this application or other applications.

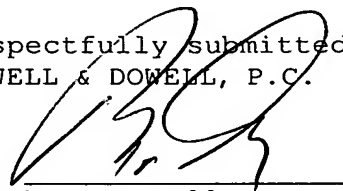
Applicant believes the present application is in condition for allowance and Applicant requests such allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the

number provided.

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Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary  
Amendment Before Action is respectfully requested.

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